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RAILWAY CAPITAL EXPENDITURES WERE FULLY JUSTIFIED

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Winnipeg— The high crime committed by the Canadian National management in insisting upon capital outlays that would make it possible for the new system to be a real factor in transportation, has been stated in various ways by those who have found proof of mismanagement and extravagance in these expenditures, but the idea behind all these attacks is to suggest that they were not in reality necessary and that, in consequence, they did not greatly increase the business effectiveness of the road.

This line of criticism is, of course, nothing but nonsense. It was understood by everybody, when the brokendown railways left on the Government's hands were put together to form a railway system, that an immense capital outlay would be necessary to put them in shape to do business. Thus, in his letter to the Government in April 1921, outlining his suggested plan of amalgamation, Lord Shaughnessy pointed out that in respect to much of the new National system there were no rolling stock equipment, nor terminal yards, freight facilities, repair shops, nor other requirements commensurate to its needs, and that the cost of providing them would be very great. That it would take years of effort, large expenditures of money, and the courageous facing of money losses covering many years to establish the Canadian National Railways was recognized on all hands. Sir Joseph Flavelle, who in this year became Chairman of the Directors of the Grand Trunk Railway, made two important statements upon the railway situation in his letter to Mr Meighen, the Prime Minister, in August, and in his address to the Toronto Board of Trade in October. In his address he said that it might take twenty years to settle the railway problem. By that time a great property might be realized, but only after losses, running into hundreds of millions, were endured. "No superman," said Sir Joseph Flavelle, "can give an organization, and no super-company can supply at once equipment, that will have the situation for some years to come from an important cash loss." The losses might be minimized or met by earnings. "You can" he said, "have earnings only if you have business, and business well done; the one and only remedy for this situation is more people, greater production, greater tonnage, more passengers."

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CANADA'S RAILWAYS BUILD IN ADVANCE

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Montreal— It has been necessary in this century to build railways in advance of Canada's immediate demands for transportation, industrial development thus has been promoted across the Dominion. With competitive railway enterprise, however came also a tendency toward extravagant duplication. There are fewer than 250 people for each mile of railway in Canada, as compared with 600 for every mile in the United States and 2000 a mile in Great Britain. A Canadian royal commission on railways and transportation has been appointed to study the situation. The commission includes experts from Great Britain and the United States, in addition to its eminent Canadian members.

When Canada resumed normal peace activities thirteen years ago, there were three Canadian transcontinental railways, privately owned. The Canadian Pacific Railway had long been established on a profitable basis. The Grand Trunk had expanded from a profitable eastern enterprise between Montreal and Chicago into a transcontinental system with a heavy annual deficit. The Canadian Northern had pushed eastward from the prairie provinces and westward through the Rocky Mountains to British Columbia, apparently without earning sufficient to meet annual obligations.

Rather than allow the defaulting companies to become bankrupt, the Government took over the Canadian Northern and the Grand Trunk railways. They were merged with the Intercolonial Railway in the Maritime Provinces and other government-owned lines to form the Canadian National system. Economies were made. Where there had been operating deficits, the Canadian National Railways began to produce a big surplus. In recent prosperous years earnings exceeded operating expenses by $50,000,000.

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KINDERSLEY FARMERS OWE ONE AND A HALF TIMES YEARLY INCOME

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Kindersley farmers owed about one and a half times their annual income when an economic survey of that district was taken in the summer of 1930 by the department of farm management of the University of Saskatchewan. Dr William Allen who was in charge of this survey, considers that the figures may be taken as fairly typical of the indebtedness of farmers in the good soil districts of Saskatchewan devoted almost purely to grain production.

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The High River Times says:— One by one, time honored institutions are being attacked, and the latest to come under the guns is the school Christmas concert. This function still prevails, particularly in the country, and its popularity has never waned. But one of the Alberta public school inspectors, has written to the Red Deer Advocate in protest against the time wasted in these Christmas entertainments. He asserts

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STRATHMORE SCHOOL CONCERT

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The Strathmore School Concert proved again a very wonderful and highly interesting entertainment. That the Teaching Staff has the ability to concentrate is evident for the finished effect of the programme has grown more excellent each year.

Again we congratulate the pupils on the privilege that is theirs in attending a school, where the teachers are both capable and willing of spending the time and effort necessary to train the pupils for the many various parts performed.

The different activities sponsored by the school, viz the Annual Concerts, the oratorical contests, both local and for the district, undoubtedly must create a strong spirit of loyalty to the school and pride in its welfare.

The Christmas Cantata— A Joke on Santa Claus was exceedingly interesting in which the various drills,songs and dialogue parts were all very well taken, must have entailed hours and hours of work and equal patience on the part of Miss Folk and her assistants, Miss Gordon and Miss Hall.

The Piano Solo, Morceau Caracteristique was very well rendered by Violet Hyde.

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Appropriate music and a very interesting sermon by Rev E B Brundage were given at the service in the United Church Sunday evening. Mr Brundage chose as the theme for his sermon: The Star, The guiding of the Wise Men. The Babe Christ, and the influence in the world today of the Christ Teaching. It is those who are ready to see the gleam who receive the vision. The result of Christ's teaching is ever growing increasingly effective and drawing the world to Him, and the time will come when through our teaching years and all kindred evils will be unknown. The solo by Miss Folk, "Silent Night" was exceptionally pleasing and rendered with very fine expression. Miss Alice Garrett sang "The Star" in sweet voice. An illuminated star added interest to the sermon.

LOCAL JOTTINGS

Mr Jack Garrett arrived home Friday from the Alberta University to spend Christmas with his parents.

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Mr Crowther will spend the Christmas Holiday with friends near Edmonton.

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Mr and Mrs W D McLean and children and Miss Evelyn Moore will spend Christmas with their parents Mr and Mrs A A Moore.

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Miss Elna Pierson is receiving the congratulations of her many friends on having received the appointment of Dietetician in the Hospital at Nelson, B. C. She will leave December 28th to assume her new duties and all wish her the best of success.

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The Cocker Spaniel, Daniel Hoxboro was struck by an auto truck and killed last week, much to the regret of the Orellius who prized "Dan" very highly and regret his unfortunate end very much.

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The prospect is that the Ontario Government will raise the tax on gasoline to six cents per gallon, after the new year. It is reported that an agreement in this question has been arranged between Quebec and Ontario—That will be a fine New Year's gift for the fellows who use much gas.

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Friday evening December 11th, Mrs A B Shrimpton entertained at a very interesting Bridge Party of four tables, complimenting Miss Jean McGregor, who is to leave early in January for Edmonton where she will enter the University Hospital as a nurse in Training. The guests comprised girls of the High School and friends of Jean. During the early part of the evening lunch was played and some merry games resulted. Alice Garrett was the fortunate winner of the high score— while Violet Hyde was awarded the consolation. Delicious refreshment were served by the hostess, assisted by Mrs T Schuite, following which Miss Gladys Fessenden on behalf of the girls presented Jean with a handsome leather case, at the same time expressing the sincere wishes of all for Jean's success in her chosen vocation, but also assuring her how much they would all miss her. Jean thanked the girls very warmly for their kindness and was overcome by emotion when all very sympathetically understood. They joined in singing "For She's a Joly Good Fellow" and a contest or two brought to a close a very happy evening, but nevertheless one of mixed feelings, as Jean has taken an active part in the church, school and social activities of the town.

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Ross, son of John Cleeve who lives at Gleichen, is suffering from an abcess and is quite ill from the effect of same.

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Mr and Mrs Ian McKenzie will spend Christmas in Calgary.

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E F Cameron will visit Bowden to spend the vacation with his parents.

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Mrs Ellen Way left on Thursday to visit for the next four months with her sister at Scarisdale, a few miles from New York City.

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The Women's Institute held their annual meeting and election of officers, in the Rest Room at 8 p.m. December 16, which was decorated with two Christmas trees. The work for the year has been very satisfactory, especially has the Sunshine dept. of the W I been busy, This branch was started in April. People of the town responded to the request for clothing and over one hundred articles have been given to those who could and have made use of them. Some people have given money and it was used to buy new articles of clothing for Charles Tucker for whom the Institute found a new home in Peace River Country. His father and mother deserted him, but there are always others who are willing to give a helping hand and that is the West-ern's Institute of Strathmore. The new officers are Mrs F Seales, President; Mrs Dewitt, 1st Vice; Mrs Tew, 2nd Vice; Secretary-Treasurer, Mrs E Way.

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Miss Geraldine Van Tighem returned home Tuesday to spend the Christmas vacation.

The spacious home of Mr and Mrs Joe Van Tighem made a lovely setting for the Tea held there Thursday afternoon last by the Ladies of the Sacred Heart church. The weather was ideal and a large number of guests availed themselves of the opportunity of enjoying a pleasant social hour while partaking of refreshing cups of tea or coffee, choice sandwiches and cakes. Tea was served from a polished table decked with a beautiful cloth of Italian cut-work and having as centre piece a huge cut glass vase of sunset Mums, which again in harmonizing colors. Presiding at the Tea and Coffee urns were Mrs Van Wezel and Mrs Rehinger. Assisting in serving were Mrs Quirin, Mrs Callaghan and Misses Dina Van Wezel, Annie and Genevieve Callaghan. Mrs Van Tighem and Mrs S Verweire received the many guests, while Mrs McDonald sold the Treasury for the afternoon, and also had charge of the tickets sold for the doll. Not only did the doll appeal to the hearts of many but the beautifully made garments comprising the wardrobe of Miss Mary Lou were certainly works of art. This clever sewing was the work of a sister of Rev Father Dougan.

Many and intense were the desires for the doll, and to assure all so that there should be no dissatisfaction a supervising committee consisting of Mrs George T Berry, Mrs A A Moore, Messrs A Pierson and Van Tighem, checked all the ballots and placed them in the box. The drawing was made by Miss Lois Schulte, who was a very surprised but happy girl when she found that the number drawn 277 was her own. The afternoon proved a very gratifying success both socially and financially.

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The Carol Service at St. Michael's church came up to all expectations on Sunday evening last under Mr Patrick's able leadership, and with Miss Violet Hyde at the organ, the augmented choir rose to every occasion in rendering the hymns and the reformation, a full church showed an appreciation of the time and trouble taken by the members in the rehearsals which led up to such accuracy in rendition.

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Joe Giroux was greatly pleased when the Providence Reds went into first place in the hockey league. Did I not tell you that those Reds were one good bunch. You just watch their smoke. She will keep them all guessing just like the good Canadiens in Montreal.

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Mr and Mrs G H Patrick and George will spend the Christmas Holiday in Revelstoke with Mr and Mrs McVitty.

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Miss Mary Folk, Miss Gordon and Miss Hall will spend the Christmas Holidays at their res pective homes.

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Miss Violet Hyde entertained at a jolly party Monday evening, inviting her friends to make merry and celebrate with her—her birth day. Bridge was played at five tables and the contests were keen and lively. The fortunate winner of first and second high scores were Alice Garrett and Bernice Whiteside, while Betty and Josie French received the consolation awards. Delicious refreshments were served and a happy social hour followed.

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The death occurred of Neil Fraser, infant son of Mr and Mrs Dan Fraser on December 18th, interment took place in the Strathmore Cemetery on December 21st at 2 p.m. Rev Brundage officiating.

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Marshall Kimpton is now located at Corbin, B C where he is in charge of the Electrical work of the coal mine at that point. Marshall's many Strathmore friends especially the members of the fair sex will be pleased to learn of his latest success and hope to hear of many more.

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Santa Claus carries for the festive season several lines besides toy and candies. He surveyed the Dairy district on December 16th and presented Mr and Mrs E Gingle and on Dec 22nd Mr and Mrs Izzard of Strathmore with a baby girl in each case, Dr Giffen being master of ceremonies.

Mr and Mrs McManus of Eyre more were guests monday of Rev and Mrs Brundage going into Calgary Tuesday returning to their home Thursday and taking their daughter Miss Marvel home for the Christmas Holiday's

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Complimenting Miss Elna Pierson Mrs C F Nicholl entertained Monday at a very delightful Bridge of four tables, Some keen and very interesting games were played, resulting in Miss Gertrude Chamberlain winning the first prize while Mrs A. A. Moore was awarded the consolation, The honor guest was also the recipient of a very lovely gift. Delicious refreshments were served and a happy social hour spent over the tea cups.

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W Risdon and W Springthorpe had to go to Calgary on Monday and remained over to hear E J Garland, M P in his address to the married unemployed men. "Ted" was never in better form is the report of the meeting.

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Mr and Mrs T S Wright and Kenneth will spend Xmas Day and Saturday in Calgary and Okotoks.

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A Fraser local plumber has just completed overhauling the furnace in the United Church finishing the work on Saturday.

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Bobby Hambly, Billy Gray and Jimmie Swanson were Calgary visitors on Monday. Wonder if hearing that his pet goose had been located at Forest Lawn, and even though he carried his rabbit foot he could not locate the bird and is convinced that it is not in that locality but that Hambly knows where it is confined.

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The programme arranged by the teachers and given by the pupils of the United Church Sunday School proved a very creditable one. Recitations, songs, choruses, playlets and drills created a quite varied programme. The various drills in costume were very pretty. Creating much interest was the singing of the Christmas Carols of various countries the girls being dressed in the national costume of the country. This was given by the C G I T Group of girls and the countries represented were: Poland, Portugal, Holland, Denmark, Belgium, Italy, Mexico. The First Nowell, an orchestra consisting of violins, cornet and piano was an added feature of interest. Mr Marsh, Supt. of the School acted as Chairman and before inviting Santa Claus to distribute the contents of his bag, he asked Miss Florence Garrett to come to the platform and on behalf of the School presented her with a very fine Reference Bible. Mr Marsh also expressed warm appreciation to Miss Lorraine Bower, Sec-Treas. for her efficient and faithful service. Santa Claus then won the hearts of all by giving to each pupil a bag of sweets. The singing of the National Anthem concluded the programme.

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Mr and Mrs Whiteside will have a family party for Christmas, comprising Mrs Whitesides parents and her brother and his wife.

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Mayor and Mrs Shrimpton will entertain Christmas Day, their guests being Mr and Mrs Mc Gregor and family.

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Mr and Mrs I MacKenzie will spend Christmas in Calgary with Mrs Macenzie Sr.

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If everyone comes to the big New Year's dance on Thursday, December 31st who say they are coming, says Ted Sweatman, well there surely will be a full house. With the price right $1 for gents, and 25c for ladies and the Blue Bird Orchestra is arranging to give us peppy music and we will welcome the new year in real up to the minute style, Each New Year's dance has been a real success and this one will surely be no exception and away Ted toddled to help make more dividends for Present Beatty.

CANADIAN LEGION

The Canadian Legion takes this opportunity of wishing each and everyone a very Merry Christmas and a most prosperous New Year.

H McGREGOR
President, Canadian Legion, No 10 Branch, B E S L

Christmas Greetings

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MAYORS GREETINGS

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To the Citizens of Strathmore—
As we again approach the Day of all Days, Christmas Day; I would like to bring to you this thought.

"Hath not old customs made this life more sweet?" One of the charms of Christmas lies in the assurance it brings that we live in the memory of our friends and we are sure there are friendships in every walk of life. If such were not the case, we would all find but little joy in the daily round.

Looking backward over the somewhat difficult experiences of the past year, we are all conscious of the underlying spirit of understanding and sympathy for one another, which has helped a great deal, and now let me join with your other friends in wishing you every Christmas Cheer.

A D SHRIMPTON
Mayor of the Town of Strathmore

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SCHOOL BOARD

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The ending of anything usually means reflection over past events and this is how we find ourselves at the end of the present year.

It is the close of a period of our lives and the commencement of a new one, and what of the closing period? Has it been all that we could desire? Have we made the best of our opportunities? Have we failed where we had hoped for success and does the ending of this year find us better for having lived through another.?

It seems to be a time for stirring human nature from us, to shape our plans for the new year ahead of us.

To many and perhaps most of us, it has been a year of the greatest anxiety.

Very few have escaped the changed conditions which surround us and we may well ask, "What of the new year?"

We at least now know what our problems are, and do our best to meet them. There is sympathy and much kindly effort abroad these days and perhaps this is one of the compensations we may find to offset an otherwise depressing period.

There is a call to each and everyone of us to have faith in the New Year 1932. The world has always had its good and bad years. This is our guide and knowing this, we shall again see better days.

Mutual help should be the keynote of our New Year's resolutions and may we by thrift in our personal affairs and loyalty to our institutions, churches and local organizations build up our community to make it a place in which we shall all be satisfied to live.

J A FRENCH,
Chairman Strathmore Sch. Dist.

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UNITED CHURCH

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In the pure soul, although it sing or pray,
The Christ is born anew from day to day;
The life that knoweth him shall hide apart,
And keep eternal Christmas in the heart.

Elizabeth Ward

In this little verse Elizabeth Ward has struck a very suggestive note. I am sure we are all agreed that this is the most joyous of all seasons; and, too, we all believe that during this Yuletide season mankind more closely approaches the requirements of the Christian Religion. But is it not too bad that such joy and activity should be limited to so brief a period and then so easily forgotten. Would it not be far better if this Christmas Spirit could endure the test of time and abide throughout the days of the coming year. Surely, if we could accomplish such a feat, we would be better fitted to solve the problems that are certain to face us in 1932.

And so, dear reader, my wish to you is that you will "Keep eternal Christmas in the heart." that Christmas joy will abide in your home and, as a result, that the days of 1932 will be filled with cheer and gladness.

REV E B BRUNDAGE
Strathmore United Church

I.O.D.E. GREETINGS

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The Earl of Strathmore Chapter I O D E extends heartiest greetings wishing all a Merry Christmas and Happy Holiday Season. We hope that the coming year may be filled with prosperity and bring happiness and peace to all mankind. We say with Tiny Tim "God Bless Us, Everyone.

ADA R CHAMBERLAIN
Regent, I O D E

SCHOOL GREETINGS

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In wishing to one and all the sincerest good wishes for the season, I should like on behalf of the Staff of the Strathmore Schools to express our warmest appreciation for the large measure of co-operation we have had throughout the year from pupils, parents and from the School Board. We believe that we are particularly fortunate in this respect and shall endeavor to prove worthy of the same.

We represent an educational institution and as this is the season for taking stock of ourselves and making resolutions, it might not be amiss to quote what Bertrand Russell has to say in a recent essay on Education. "Hope not fear is the creative principle in human affairs. All that has made man great has sprung from the attempt to secure what is good, not from the struggle to avert what we dread evil. It is because modern education is so seldom inspired by a great hope that it so seldom achieves a great result. The aim of education is to give the past rather than the hope of creating the future dominates the minds of those who control the teaching of the young. Education should not aim at a passive awareness of dead facts but at an activity directed towards the world that our efforts are to create. It should be inspired not by a regretful hankering after the extinct beauties of Greece and the Renaissance, but by a shining vision of a society that is to be, of the triumph that thought will achieve in the time to come, and of the ever-widening horizon of man's survey over the universe. Education which is this spirit will be filled with life and hope and joy, able to bear their past in bringing to mankind a future less wasted than the past, with faith in the glory that human effort can create." Can we not resolve to try to embody this spirit, with all its implications into our schools!

We extend to all our sincere wishes for the very merriest Christmas and the happiest New Year.

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ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH

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The World saw only a lowly birth and nothing more: What else could the world think of a Child born in the old stable of King David behind the Cravanseral at Bethlehem? Yet King Herod hearing of Him sent his men to slaughter all children from two years old and under in the "House of Bread." Why? Because he had heard that One had been born King in Bethlehem. The Angels of God proclaimed his birth to men of goodwill. Why? Because He was Saviour, Christ the Lord. Saint Stephen in after years saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. St. John having companied with the infant grew into a Man, writes of Him, Wisdom was made flesh and dwelt among us.

As the Wise Men told by the kind of presents they brought, what they believed the Baby of Bethlehem to be King, and God, and Sacrifice; and the Church, to tell the world that she believes this to be true, bids us keep Christmas, St. Stephen's Day, St. John the Evangelist's Day, and the Festival of the Holy Innocents, in close proximity to the one to the other; there must be something more in Christmas than the keeping of an ordinary birthday, so that where the sight of the world has failed, we may adore.

REV. T B WINTER,
St Michael & All Angels' Church
Strathmore, Alta.

Merry Christmas And Happy New Year To All

50 Years Ago

Eggs were three dozen for a quarter, milk was 5c a quart. The butcher gave liver for the cat and treated the kids to bologna. The hired girl was satisfied with $2.00 a week and did the washing. Women did not jeans, smoke or play poker. The men wore boots and whiskers, chewed tobacco, spat on the sidewalk, worked 11 hours a day and never went on strike. A kerosene lamp and stereopticon in the parlor were luxuries. No one was operated on for appendicitis or bought glands. Folks lived to a ripe old age just the same and walked miles to wish their friends a

Merry Christmas

Today

Everybody rides in automobiles or airships, plays poker, shoots craps, plays a piano with their feet, now to the talkies, plays the radio smokes cigarettes, drinks "ginger ale" and makes whoopee. They never go to bed the same day they get up and think they are having a wonderful time. This is the age of prohibition, excess taxes, profiteers racketeers, suffragette flappers with abbreviated skirts and boyish bobs, miniature automobiles, pee-wee golf courses. And what have you— and if you think life is worth living we wish you a

Happy New Year

Thos. E. Wright
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SPORT NOTES

BOB GROVE RANKS AMONG BEST PITCHERS

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Chicago— Robert M Grove's pitching deeds entitle the Philadelphia Athletics attenuated southpaw to ranking among the greatest pitchers of all time.

The American league official pitching averages released recently reveal that: Grove, with a record of 31 victories and 4 defeats, made the greatest record of any southpaw in American league history.

Grove's winning percentage of .886 was the highest in the majors since 1900.

Grove is the first pitcher in either league to win 30 games since Jim Bagby, Cleveland, won 31 and lost 12 in 1919.

Grove takes his place with Jeff Chesbro, New York (1904). Ed Walsh, Chicago (1908). Joe Wood Boston (1911). Walter Johnson, Washington (1912) and Bagby as the only American league pitchers to win more than 30 games in one season.

Grove led the league in earned runs per game with 2.05, led in strikeouts with 175 and was second in the number of innings pitched, 289. His team-mate, Geo Walberg, was first with 291 innings.

In the seven seasons that Grove has pitched for the Athletics, he has won 146 games and lost 61, an average of .705. In this period he has pitched 123 complete games. During the last four seasons he has won 103 and lost but 23.

The main reason why the Athletics won the American league pennant is revealed by earned run average of the Philadelphia pitchers. The Athletics entire staff allowed but 3.47 earned runs per game ,an excellent record for one pitcher, to say nothing of an entire staff.

The Records

The records of the "Big Five" of the Athletics staff follow:

	W	L	Pct	ER av.
Grove	31	4	.886	2.05
Rommel	7	5	.583	2.98
Earnshaw	21	7	.750	3.67
Walberg	20	12	.625	3.74
Mahaffey	15	4	.789	4.32

Vernon Gomez, New York Yankees southpaw from Rodeo, Calif, in his second year in the majors, finished second to Grove in effectiveness, with 2.63 earned runs per game. Gomez won 21 games and lost 9.

Of the five most effective pitchers, three of them were southpaws, Grove Gomez and Lloyd Brown. Washington who was fifth with 3.20. Rommel, A's right-handed relief pitcher, was third with 2.98 and Irving Hadley, Washington right-hander, recently traded to the Chicago White Sox was 4th with 3.05.

Five pitchers won 20 or more games. In addition to Grove, they were Wesley Ferrell, Cleveland, with 22. George Earnshaw, Philadelphia, with 21, Gomez, with 21 and Walberg with 20.

The six leading pitchers in games won and lost were:

	W	L	Pct
Grove Philadelphia	31	4	.886
Marberry, Washington	16	4	.800
Mahaffey, Philadelphia	15	4	.789
Earnshaw, Philadelphia	21	7	.750
Burke, Washington	8	3	.727
Gomez, New York	21	9	.700

Two no-hit games were pitched, one by Wesley Ferrell, Cleveland against the St Louis Browns, and one by Bob Burke, Washington southpaw, used mostly as a relief pitcher against the Boston Red Sox, Burke finished only three games all season, one of them his no hit game.

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TRADE HACK WILSON TO CARDINALS

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Chicago— Hack Wilson, deposed home run king of the National league, has been traded to the world champion St Louis Cardinals.

The Chicago Cubs had three offers for Wilson and accepted the Burleigh Grimes proposal.

The Boston Braves also made an offer for Wilson, but they wanted a guarantee that Wilson's physical condition is good and that his eyesight is not impaired. The Cubs refused to give any such guarantee. The Cincinnati Reds also made an offer for Wilson, but it contained a provisional clause which did not meet with the approval of Manager Rogers Hornsby.

Wilson dropped from a .356 hitter in 1930 to a .261 hitter in 1931, and wound up the season in suspension. He drew a salary of $37,500, last season the highest paid of any National league player except Hornsby, who was under a player-manager contract.

The Cards were anxious to dispose of Grimes, but thus far his price tag has scared away all clubs except the Cubs. Grimes is the highest paid player on the Card's drawing a salary of between $15,000 and $20,000.

Not a single trade was made during the opening day's session of the Majors, but several managers announced the players they were bidding for. Some of these follow:

New York Yankees: Pitcher G Blaeholder, St Louis Browns, and Pitchers Ted Lyons and Vic Frasier, Chicago White Sox.

Detroit Tigers: Infielder Ralph Kress, St Louis Browns; First Baseman Joe Judge and Pitcher Carl Fischer, Washington.

Cleveland Indians: Infielder Al Kress, St Louis; Infielder Minter Hayes, Chicago White Sox (recently obtained from Washington).

The Browns are willing to trade Kress, but when Cleveland offered either Outfielder Dick Porter or First Baseman Gutteridge Eddie Morgan for him St Louis turned it down and countered with a demand for Outfielder Earl Averill. The Indians would not trade or sell Averill for any consideration.

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"I see where lots of firms are cutting down their advertising."

"Yeah, doing it in times like these is on a par with taking the worm off the hook and fishing with a safety pin!"

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She (penitively): "Three months ago I was wild about Jim Ballfix. Now I don't fancy him at all. Strange how changeable men are"

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HEARD ON THE STREET

Carl Brown— Every dollar I have was made by hardwork.

Herb Ellis— By whom?

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"John, it says here the govt. has a plan to thaw out the frozen assets of the banks," remarked Mrs Dumbell.

"Well, what of it?" he asked

"Why, don't the banks hire plumbers to do that?" she asked.

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"Why does your daughter sing in the dining room "

"It's the only way to get the guests to leave the table."

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"How did you cure your wife of her antique craze?"

"Oh, I just gave her a 1907 model car for her anniversary."

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"What did you give baby for his first present?"

Dinty Moore— "We opened his money box and bought the little darling a lovely electric iron."

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The bride was gowned in white lace. The bridesmaids' gowns were punk. The whole color scheme of the decorations was punk.

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Constable Wallace (to fair young speeder)— That was a nice pace to come along at. Didn't you see the notice: "Dangerous corner?"

Fair Speeder— Of course I did. And as it was a dangerous corner, I naturally wanted to pass it as quickly as possible.

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"You know Percy Jones? I lent him ten dollars a year ago, and I simply couldn't get him to pay it back. Last week I heard he had started a debt collecting agency, so I thought it would be a good joke to write asking him to collect the ten dollars, he owes me."

"Well?"

"Now I've got a letter from him saying that he's collected the ten dollars but it was such hard work that he's compelled to charge me a fee of fifteen dollars. "

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A man was fixing his auto.

"Trouble?" asked a bystander

"Rather!" was the answer.

"What power is it?" asked the stranger,

"Forty horse," came the answer

"What seems to be the matter with it?" queried the stranger.

"Well, from the way she acts, I should say that 29 of the horses are dead""

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"I can't remember the words of that new song," said the girl.

"That makes it easier," returned her father, who was trying to read, "Now all you've got to do is to make home happy enough to forget the tune."

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As the result of a court clerk's error a divorcee in Berlin, Germany, is suffering from the effects of a thrashing administered by her ex-husband, with court order. A few days after he had been divorced the man received official notice that he was to pay alimony to enter her house, and to thrash her. He quickly complied by putting into effect the second and third parts of the order. Investigation disclosed that the order should have read to pay alimony, but not enter the house or thrash the woman.

Now what do you think of that, says Jim Gannon. Those fellows should be more careful copying orders.

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FROM ALL THESE PESTS DELIVER US

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The editor of the Claresholm Local Press, suggests a few of the pests from which he prays to be delivered:

From the open saloon argument.

From the unemployment.

From the egotism of man.

From the men wearing sideburns.

From men wearing one-quarter by one-half inch moustaches.

From the man who goes about blaming his bad luck and his downfall on a woman. Adam's old alibi.

From narrow-minded persons, gossipers, sarcastic wits, the boaster, the perpetual knocker who never believes in the worth of anything new, forgetting that all our accepted customs, ideas, and every day conveniences, were at one time only experiments and were also ostracized, and otherwise all persons who are so sure they know how someone else should live in order to be happy, thus measuring all others likes and dislikes with their own miserable little lives, O Lord, deliver us.

HOCKEY GAME
SATURDAY, DEC. 26th
9 p.m. SHARP
STRATHMORE RINK

Christmas Greetings

Hughes Motors

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READ THE WANT ADS

CHRISTMAS DINNERS ON THE HOOF

Part of the 75 head of prize beef cattle in the pens in have been the finest ever exhibited at the Royal Winter Fair, Toronto, recently, and now sold by the Royal York Hotel for Christmas dinners. The prize winning cattle. They include the first prize carload of Hereford steers raised by the McIntyre Ranching Company, Ltd., of Lethbridge; the second prize carload of Aberdeen Angus steers bred at the Canadian Pacific Railway's central farm at Cowdale, Alta.; the fourth prize carload of Aberdeen steers from the Olds School of Agriculture, Alberta; and the fifth prize carload of Aberdeen Angus steers, raised by George Tait, of Warren, Manitoba.

The Royal York also purchased the Grand Champion Wether, a southdown, exhibited at the Fair by Colonel Robert McEwen, of London, Ont., and a prize carload of ten lambs.

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Christmas

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The busy round of day to day
Leaves much unsaid, one fain would say
The thoughts unspoke, of kindliness
Folks leave it to their friends to guess.

Then comes the Season of Goodwill,
We speak the words repressed until
We breathe, with handicap warm and true,
"A Merry Christmas, friend to you!"

"A Merry Christmas!" Simple phrase,
But packed in it are days and days
Of loving wish and kindly thought
By Christmas to the surface brought!

To all the friends we serve with pride Our greeting goes this day
Yuletide,
In an old fashion hearty way
"A Merry Christmas" just to say.
—Francis Frazee

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CLEARING ROAD FOR INTRA EMPIRE RECIPROCITY

The Toronto Globe in referring to the cancellation by Canada of the trade treaty with France says it should be accepted as a real sacrifice on the part of this Dominion to help clear the way for a greater family trading arrangement, namely, Intra-Empire reciprocity.

The treaty now cancelled was negotiated by the late Hon W S Fielding and Hon Ernest Lapointe. In spite of the fact that it was strenuously criticized in Parliament, the treaty resulted in good to Canada. Canadian exports consistently outbalanced imports, sales rising from $15,681,000 in 1922 to $24,423,000 in 1928. While there was marked recession following the depression, sales to France were higher in 1930 than in 1929 by more than a million dollars, the figures being $15,668,299 for 1930 as against $14,598,525. France was the only great country to buy more from Canada last year than in 1929.

The chief objection to the treaty with France was that it fixed the duties of 20 per cent, on a considerable list of imports from France. These in turn were automatically extended to all other countries having most favored nation treaties with Canada.

The Government has acted wisely in cancelling the treaty in order that the Imperial Conference may have all possible freedom to evolve a practical scheme to increase trade among all British countries.

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BECAUSE WE OWE SO MUCH TO THE FRIENDSHIP AND LOYALTY OF OUR CUSTOMERS WE TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY AT THIS HOLIDAY SEASON TO EXPRESS TO YOU OUR APPRECIATION OF THE VALUE OF OUR ASSOCIATION WITH YOU AND TO WISH ONE AND ALL

A VERY HAPPY CHRISTMAS

STRATHMORE TRADING CO.

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RAILWAY CAPITAL EXPENDITURES ARE JUSTIFIED

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Sir Joseph Flavelle thus took a realistic, sensible view of the situation. In any case it would take time, money and patience to right it. The only remedy was increased business, and this implied the supplying of facilities for the doing of business. In his letter to the Prime Minister, Sir Joseph gave some excellent advice which, perhaps, was not acted upon in the spirit in which it was given. "If good sense prevails," Sir Joseph wrote, "the executive officers of the two systems will plan together to meet the transportation requirements of the country." There could have been a greater measure of co-operation between the two companies which would have made some saving in capital expenditures; but the responsibility for this lack of co-operation is not to be charged up wholly or perhaps even principally, to the Canadian National Railways officials. The keynote of the relations between the two systems was competition; and the Canadian National officials were charged with the necessity of getting more business or facing an unending series of actual deficits upon operation alone. They proceeded to put themselves in position to compete for business by supplying themselves with facilities at a cost of some four hundred million dollars, spread over ten years. The condition that confronted them and the remedy that had to be applied were set forth lucidly by Mr R B Bennett in Parliament June 8, 1928, when he said:

"These railroads were not roads that could compete with the Canadian Pacific System, and so we had to spend hundreds of millions of dollars upon the system to make it efficient and effective.

The improvement in business, which drew praises and compliments from Mr Bennett and Mr Guthrie, as noted in a recent issue was the direct consequence of these outlays. Had the Canadian National tried to get along with the equipment it inherited, the operating costs would have continued at more than 100 per cent thus involving the railway in an unbroken succession of operating deficits rising high in the millions each year. The capital expenditures, by and large, have justified themselves; and the critics of these betterment policies reveal themselves either as ignorant or malignant when they challenge their necessity.

RAILWAYS BUILD IN ADVANCE

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Canada has had the opportunity of comparing the service of a publicly owned railroad with that of the privately owned Canadian Pacific Railway. Both roads have maintained high standards; but revenues have declined because traffic has decreased.

The reduction in traffic volume is doubtless only temporary. The Canadian transportation system has been built up, however, largely on the grain movement. The system, therefore, may have to be readjusted to meet world changes in production and distribution of wheat crops. In any case, the opinion is widely held in Canada that further substantial economies can be made without impairing the Canadian railway service. The possibility of merging the railways into one national system has been discussed, and the royal commission's recommendations are awaited with keen interest.

PETE DE KORT
Carpenter
STRATHMORE

FARMERS OWE ONE AND A HALF TIMES INCOME

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Of 178 farmers who furnished full information of their financial position 15 had no debts and 163 had debts of $89,719 or an average of $5,250. Of the 178 farms, 147 carried mortgages of the average amount of $4,588. A total of 91 of these farmers had debts to farm implements companies averaging $695. Banks were creditors of 104 of these farmers to the average amount of $751. There were seven o n t a x e s on 22 farms averaging $230. Local store bills were owed by 77 farmers averaging $150, and 77 had other debts averaging $329.

The crop of 1929 had not been very good in the district surveyed, a considerable portion of the wheat being frozen, but the total average income of the 178 farmers was $3,126. Of the 163 farmers who had debts 24 had less than 200 acres of crop and summerfallow; 59, the largest group, from 201 to 300 acres; 29 had 351 to 500 acres; 24 had 501 to 600 acres, and 27 had over 650 acres of crop and summerfallow.

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ANOTHER CRACK

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that the educational value of the program is often doubtful, that the children rarely give an exhibition of what they can do in actual school work; that it is actually the parents who get entertained and not the children for whom Christmas was intended.

On the other hand he admits that it teaches confidence, self-reliance and deportment, and undoubtedly delights the parents. He suggests as a substitute for the Christmas entertainment a sort of exhibition day in the spring when the parents will attend the school, hear what the children can do in reading, spelling, arithmetic, geography, etc. and examine their exercise books, without wasting school time.

While the inspector's idea may be reasonable, it certainly lacks glamour as most sensible ideas do. Such an exhibition day leaves both parents and children cold. The seasoned old parents who have passed through the progressive stages of exercise books, do not attach too great significance to the precise and neatly written exercise books of the nine year old, because they have lived to see th cronic illegibility of the 19 year olds. An exhibition day at the school would be mildly interesting. It would give a bird's eye view of where each class stands in each subject. But would it after all give the average parent any more idea of what the school is developing than does the Christmas entertainment.

Training in deportment is a most important side issue in school training; self reliance and confidence are important. So are music and clear articulation. How is a shy child ever to get a chance to overcome that stage fright which is one of life's handicaps, if he does not commence at an early age to face audiences from the public platform? Many a talented juvenile who is not a star in school work would never have his little moment of glory in his school career if it were not for the Christmas concert, at which he sings or recites charmingly.

In the passion for fulfilling the school curriculum, there is a tendency to sacrifice many of the graces and cultural efforts, which

"What's your husband working on now?" the chemist's wife was asked.

"Anti-freeze solution that can be put into bank assets," replied his wife.

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Sandy arrived at the boarding-house and was shown to his room.

"There youare, sir" said the land lady, "that's your room."

"Looks comfortable," said he

"Yes, sir" went on the woman, "people usually admit I've made tho'm comfortable here. I've always had a gift for doing that"

"Is that a fact?" said Sandy "Well, you needna, expect one from me."

SEASON'S GREETINGS
from
THE Velvet CONFECTIONERY
Mrs C Brown, Prop.

Dr. A. W. Girvin
announces removal of office to 310 Odd Fellows Temple, Centre St. at Sixth Ave, Calgary

BERYL AND BANANAS

To which should be added another "B"—Bermuda.

Perhaps it seems strange to link a silicate of beryllium and aluminium, which", as the dictionary puts it, "when transparent flashes blue and green," with the familiar yellow fruit that, so surprisingly, when you find it growing, is upside down and green.

It is strange. But then it is just as strange to leave the snow and ice of Canada and less than 60 hours later to find oneself in the gentle, sub-tropic warmth of Bermuda.

"Beryl", as a metaphor, expresses the transparent beauty of the waters around Bermuda; bananas are the least strange of the many luscious fruits with which the island abounds. It is a fascinating combination of ancient and modern that one reaches by 20,021 ton Canadian Pacific Duchess liners sailing from New York every Wednesday and Saturday. No motors are allowed in the island—yet there is an ultra-modern Diesel-electric railway. A straw's breakfast" hat, a sketch of a shirt, and nondescript pants held up by a one-strap "gallus" suffice laughing darkies for costume, yet five minutes from where the Duchess of York and Duchess of Atholl dock is the up-to-date Hamilton Hotel, Bermuda's largest hostelry. Only a 20 minute walk separates ship and Princess Hotel, while short drives or launch trips reach many other delightful inns and guest houses.

Canadians in increasing numbers are making Bermuda their winter playground, more so since the inauguration last year of steamship service by transAtlantic liners.

(A) Stepping from ship to street.

(B) "Have a banana?" A bright-hued chameleon winked a bright eye and dodged when the young lady approached the tree—otherwise it was just like picking an apple in the orchard back home.

(C) Ancient and modern! The palatial Hamilton Hotel is in effective contrast with the horse-drawn carriage.

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Look up the label on your paper and if your Subscription is in arrears, pay the whole or at least a part of it.

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CLASSIFIED ADS

DWELLING OF THREE ROOMS— for rent. Apply T M Wears, Barrister, Strathmore, Dec 24tfu

FOR SALE— GOVT. BANDED Bronze Turkeys. Young Toms grade H $10; grade C $7; Young Hens grade B $8; grade C $5; Toms weighing up to 32 lbs. Hens up to 17 lbs. from first prize winning stock. Mrs J A Stowell, Lyalta, Alta. Dec-31-p

FOR SALE AT A BARGAIN— One Cutter, complete with pole and doubletrees, also 1 set of Double Driving Harness. Apply Rockyford Garage, Rockyford, Alta. Dec-31-p

FOR SALE— PURE BRED YORK Gilts, open or bred. Weaner sow pigs and boars, fall litters, bred sows, young. Don't raise butcher hogs. Last truck load to yards, grade 11 select, 1 bacon. T H Benton, Carseland, Phone 1903. Dec-31-p

STOLEN FROM SHACK BE- tween February and October 1931. Military Service and other personal papers two wallets, album of snapshots, two sets of compasses, U P K and developing outfit, Indian blanket with blue fringe on three sides, etc. Information requested by owner Malcolm Baird, Strathmore Dec-24-p

FOR SALE— AYO HOLSTEIN Cows, coming fresh in week or two, gentle and good shape. A W Klassen. Phone 2303 Strathmore. Jan-6-p

FOR SALE or TRADE— OATS and Barley for young cattle or hogs. Apply C Cocks, Phone 2508 Strathmore Jan-6-p

NOTICE

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Berta Vale S D No. 2231. The Annual Meeting of the Ratepayers will be held at the School house, on Friday January 15th, at 2 p.m.

R J KEARNS, Sec.-Treas.

Jan 13-p

NOTICE

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I herein claim I hold receipts from Mr A Silvertborn, Cheadle, to the amount of $107.90 being composed of payments to him on the S W quarter of Sec 10-24-26-W 4th for years 1927-28 and 29, also all tax receipts for 1927 and 28.

Signed D A Smyth Dec-23-p

CHURCHES

PARISH OF ST MICHAEL'S CHURCH

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CHRISTMAS and EPIPHANY 1931—1932

A number of

Strathmore—

Holy Communion, Christmas Eve, Midnight.

Holy Communion 25th Dec. 11 a.m.

Evensong, 27th Dec. 7.30 p.m.

Holy Communion, 1st Jan. 9 a.m.

Holy Communion, 3rd Jan. 11 a.m.

Sunday School, 3rd Jan. 12.15

Evensong, 3rd Jan. 7.30 p.m.

Holy Communion 6th Jan. 7.30 a.m.

Nightingale Hall. Holy Communion, 27th December, at 9 a.m.

Carseland. Holy Communion 27th December at 11 a.m.

Annual Meeting of Parishioners at Strathmore 20th January 7 p.m.

The Bishop of Calgary will hold a Confirmation in Strathmore during Lent, will those who wish to attend Classes please hand in their names to Rev. T. B. Winter, Phone 75, Strathmore

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SACRED HEART CHURCH ORDER OF SERVICE STRATHMORE

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Christmas Services—

December 24th, Midnight Mass, 12 o'clock

December 25th at Langdon 9 a.m. at Carseland 11 a.m.

Rev Father J E Dougan

HUB

BILLIARD ROOM & BOWLING ALLEYS Strathmore.

Tobaccos and All Smokers' Necessaries. "The Home of Real Sport."

R. HAMBLY, Prop.

SCHOOL CONCERT

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George Patrick gave a clever exhibition of step dancing.

The One Act Play by Lord Dunsany "Atalanta at Wimbledon" was also very well enacted by the various actors, and each seemed to feel quite at ease on the stage. It was a very modern adaptation of an ancient legend and each parts were very well taken.

The Musicale, Robin Hood was a very tuneful and interesting exhibition of acting and the costumes, very picturesque and the plot held the closest interest of all.

Miss Florence Garrett who composed the very appropriate music and Mr Cameron who composed the wording of the Playlet are to be very highly complimented on their capable effort.

The Pyramid Building was a very clever feature of the program and followed closely by the audience.

A Dainty Chorus "Hats" by seven girls was a pretty exercise.

The Play "The Dear Departed" proved a very clear portrayal of the avaricious tendencies of the next of kin.

The plans of all in the midst of their affected grief and the awkward situation created when these plans were all set at naught proved a highly amusing situation.

Lovely gifts were presented to Mr Crowther, Mr McKenzie, Mr Cameron, Miss Gordon and Miss Folk, by a pupil from the room of the respective teacher. Miss Hall received her's previous to the concert,

Prizes for perfect attendance were given to twenty-three students by the Chairman, Mr Joe French. These were: Hazel Short; Violet Hyde; Harold Freeman; Catherine Rellinger; Leslie Christensen; Graham Tench; Kendell Wright; Raymond Bower; Frederic Ridley; Ted Schulte; Jennie McBean; Dorothy Christensen; Fred Teare; Norman Taylor; Corneluis Willms; Iola Cleeve; Jean Garrett; Eileen Werling; Heiran Woldum; Johnnie Keeling; Frances Gray; Leo Mellesen; Andie McGregor.

The Club Swinging by five girls was an exceedingly pretty exercise.

Mr W S Paterson and Mr Jack Garrett rendered efficient assistance in stage management.

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THEATRE NOTES

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Theatre Week is here again at Hirtle's Theatre, and it is also a baragain week as the tickets are selling for $1.00 for adults for the week (6 shows) and 50c for children for the week.

A number of the best pictures of last year will be shown through the week and a good comedy will be shown before each picture. Below are a few short items on each picture.

MISBEHAVING LADIES

December 28th, Monday

Lucien Littlefield is perhaps the screen's most pessimistic comedian, and one of the best. Even Chaplin does not excel him in lugubriousness, and like Chaplin, he wants to play Hamlet. He says that few will believe comedians to be serious fellows at heart.

Littlefield and Louise Fazenda give the fans hearty laughs in "Misbehaving Ladies"

Lila Lee and Ben Lyon are featured in the romantic leads of this entertaining First National comedy-drama, which William Beaudine directed.

The story deals with a small-town girl who goes to Italy during her girlhood, marries a prince, becomes his widow, and returns to the small town to be mistaken for a seamstress expected to prepare for the princess visit!

SONG OF THE WEST

December 29th, Tuesday

"Song of the West" which is a vivid romance of the trying days when the world went west in the mad search for gold. The story is Harvey Thew's adaptation of the New York success, "Rainbow" by Laurence Stallings and Oscar Hammerstein II. The cast includes John Boles, Vivienne Segal, Joe E Brown, Marie Wells, Sam Hardy, Marion Byron, Eddie Gribbon, Ed Martindel, Rudolph Cameron and an army of extra characters, miners, soldiers ,cowboys and camp hangers-on. The picture is taken with the Sierras as a background and it is one of those plays which is a happy blending of fighting and fun, with a liberal sprinkling of love. Ray Enright directed.

KISS ME AGAIN

December 30th, Wednesday

Many comedians featured the cast of First National's special Vitaphone, all star, Technicolor, "Kiss Me Again" screen version of Victor Herbert's "Mlle Modiste" Bernice Claire and Walter Pidgeon have the straight leads, and the rest of the dazzling cast includes such stars as Edward Everett Horton and Frank McHugh.

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CARD OF THANKS

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The Committee in charge of the dance in the Memorial Hall on Friday wish to express their thanks to all who contributed, supported and assisted, also the Ladies Curling Club and Ladies Golf Club for two turkeys donated

NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND CLAIMANTS

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In the estate of Mrs Ella Lucetta Matthews Buckerfield, Widow, late of the Town of Strathmore, in the Province of Alberta, deceased.

Notice is hereby given that all persons having claims on the estate of the said Ella Lucetta Matthews Buckerfield, who died on the 3rd of March, 1927 are required to file with the undersigned, Solicitor for the Executors by the 10th day of February 1932, a full statement duly verified, of their claims and any securities held by them, and that after that date the Executors will distribute the assets of the deceased among the parties entitled thereto, having regard only to the claims of which notice has been so filed or brought to their knowledge.

T M WEARS,

Solicitor for the Executors

Strathmore, Alberta

Dec 23, 30, Jan 6

FRATERNAL

CANADIAN LEGION, B.E.S.L. STRATHMORE BRANCH No. 19

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Mgr. J. Fawkes

Asst. Manager CHAS. KEELING Sec.-Treas.

HIRTLE'S THEATRE

Christmas Day and Saturday 26th

CLARA BOW in

"Kick In" A real good picture for the Holiday and for the whole family. See other ad about Theatre Week.

HOCKEY NOTES

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On Saturday night, Dec 26 the Gleichen Gunners will play here. This let be first time these two teams will have played against each other for three years, and from all reports from Gleichen, and the way the local team is working it should be a real hockey game. A large crowd is expected to attend this game which starts at 9 p.m, Saturday, Dec 26th.

Probable lineup of teams will be Strathmore— Cleeve, G Giroux, Groves, Forester, Collison, Morun, J Crellin, Hector McGregor, Chas. Giroux, Ed Crellin, R Christensen.

Gleichen— Roberts, Taylor, Bulmer, Marquit, C Brown, Simpson, T Brown, Norton, Cy MacKay, and Rishaugh.

Strathmore will play a return game in Gleichen on Tuesday December 29th.

Sunday School Christmas Tree

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The programme arranged by the teachers of St Michael's Sunday School made a fitting preliminary to supper and the arrival of St Nicholas, whom the children actually addressed as Mr Winter on Saturday afternoon last.

Rowe Martin commenced the proceedings by telling the world what he would do about Castor Oil when he grew up, then Gladys Scales sang "Hark The Herald Angels Sing"; Mildred May who acted as accompanist throughout, gave us "The Merry Peasant", and Joan Sweatman, "Santa's Bunny," after which Dora, Joan and Dorothy sang "Holy Night, and Dora Cott played "The Curate's Story". Diana, Edith, Gladys, Joan, Shirley and Alice appeared with candles, though it was not bed time yet, the candles were to illustrate their "Candle Song" people began to call out "Alice where art thou?" and Alice Dixon came forward to tell of the little cloud which went by on Christmas Night; Joan, Lois, Shirley, Alice, Diana, Margaret, Dora, Dorothy, Edith and Gladys sang "Christmas Eve."

"Santa Claus is Coming" was recited by Dorothy McBean, who rendered "Jack Tar" with his accustomed accuracy in time and touch; Shirley Dixon gave "The Shepherd Song" and Bobby Scales "The March of the Draganas"; Rose Wilkinson cautioned the members of Sunday School against "Dogs' Delight"; Dora Cott's recitation was "A Little Egg"; Ada Wright and Lillian Wilkinson sang a song, and Gwen Tew told of her little boy. The musical part of the programme finished with a Pianoforte Duet by Josephine French and Mildred May.

Mrs Saunders, Betty and Josephine French then served supper with the assistance of the parents of the Sunday School scholars, Santa took the presents off the Christmas Tree, Everybody played games while the adults tried, with the assistance of Santa to finish the good things provided to eat.

NAMAKA

Mrs Smitten is spending a couple of weeks at the home of her daughter Mrs Foss of Standard.

Mr Irvine spent Sunday in Calgary returning on No. 4 accompanied by his wife and family, who have taken up their residence at the C P R depot.

Miss Stella Peterson returned last week after a holiday with her sister Grace of Bow Island.

At the regular annual meeting of the Ladies Aid reports showed a very successful year, and the officers holding office were re-elected for the ensuing term.

Jack remmer and Reil Despas spent the week end in Calgary.

Mr Sovey spent Sunday with friends in the district.

The Young Peoples Society of Namaka met at the school last Wednesday evening with an attendance of 28. Several discussions of interest were brought up. Mr Brundage reported on the Sports Committee and Loy Wheeler reported on the play committee. It was decided to put on an evening's entertainment instead of a play at present. The date will be set later. Miss Marjorie Wooster was appointed to look after the lunch for the meetings for the next three months. We were very pleased to have Rev Brundage with us to take the devotional fifteen minutes The next meeting will be held on January 6th instead of December 30th. There will be a meeting of the executive held at the home of Miss Merril Brown on January 4th There are still a few young people we would like to have join our club.

J. B. McGuire, LL.B.

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Town of Strathmore

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NOTICE

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Taxpayers are reminded that taxes unpaid during the month of December 1931 will be subject to a penalty of 5 per cent on 1st January, 1932.

T M WEARS, Sec.-Treas.

2, 9, 16, 23, 30, Dec.

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Funeral Home

3rd St., Strathmore

Phone 78.

Hockey Game

Saturday Dec 26, 9 p m

GLEICHEN vs STRATHMORE

At the Strathmore Skating Rink

Theatre Week

Dec. 28 to Jan. 2

Misbehaving Ladies with Lila Lee and Ben Lyon December 28

Song of the West, John Boles, Vivian Segal and Joe E. Brown Dec 29

Kiss Me Again with Bernice Claire, December 30

Children of Dreams with Margaret Schilling, Dec 31.

Going Wild with Joe Ellrown, January 1

Life of the Party, with Winnie Lichtner, Jan 2nd.

Tickets for the week Adults $1.00 children 50c

Buy the kiddies one for Christmas present. Picture begins at 8 p.m. thru week 7.30 and 9.15 Saturday

HIRTLE'S THEATRE

Pattemore Bakery

Cakes and Cookies

Doughnuts

Puff Pastry

Phone 97

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Henry Allison, a former resident of this district who has been renewing acquaintances is returning this week to his home at Sundre, near Olds where he has a farm. Henry likes his new home very much.

NEW YEARS DANCE

In the Memorial Hall, Strathmore

Thur Dec. 31

MUSIC BY THE CALGARY BLUEBIRDS PLAYING ALL THE LATEST PIECES.

CAFETERIA SUPPER

PROCEEDS IN AID OF MEMORIAL HALL FUNDS

Admission— Gents $1.00 Ladies 50 cents

Come and Speed the Fleeting Year EVERYBODY WELCOME

A Right Merry Xmas and Happy New Year

CHAS. KEELING PHONE 72

Christmas and New Year Greetings

May The Year 1932 Bring Happiness and Prosperity to all

HENRY BIRKS & SONS - CALGARY

ELWOOD

A Christmas Tree and program was held at the School last Thursday evening.

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W E Julian hauled coal from Carbon for H Hanson last week.

For the first time since the Rural Mail was established about a year and a half ago our carrier came through with a team and covered wagon after the last snow.

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If the weather gets a little colder some ice harvesting will no doubt be done next week.

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Mr and Mrs Joe Stinn were Calgary visitors the first of the week.

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Mr J Drummond took turkeys to Calgary on Monday.

IS YOUR SUBSCRIPTION PAID? LOOK AT THE LABLE!!!

Strathmore School Concert

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O CANADA

CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS

(A) CHRISTMAS CANTATA— "A Joke on Santa Claus"

Scene I— Living room of a modern home on Christmas Eve

Scene II— Later the same evening.

CASTE—

MOTHER ..... Lois Schulte

GRANDMOTHER ..... Gladys Dawkins

ANNA ..... Thelma Christensen

JACK ..... Billy Morgan

BESS ..... Alice Dixon

PEGGY ..... Georgina Koch

SANTA CLAUS ..... Allister McGregor

SANDMAN ..... Norman Jacobs

SPIRIT OF CHRISTMAS ..... Margaret Lounsbury

CHORUSES— "CHRISTMAS STARS" — Dorothy McNeil, Dora Cott, Dolly Fraser, Rose Wilkinson, Margaret Pattemore, Carrie Mellesen, Frances Gray, Joan Sweatman, Mary Snook, Andie McGregor.

"CHRISTMAS EATS" — Thomas Callaghan, Leo Mellesen, Joe Harwood, Clarence Van Tighem, Walter Snook, Michael Young, Lawrance Brown, Walter Boisseavain, Johnny Keeling, Orrin Woldum, John French.

"WREATHS AND GARLANDS" — Bobby Scales, Helen French Bobby Koch, Irene Brundage, James Dawkins, Grace Risdon, George Kerstens, Joan Campbell, John Kerstens, Donald Brown, Roberta Dixon.

"LULLABY" — Ronald Campbell, Dora Mileson, Ethel Fraser, Opal Besse, Charlie Spook, Alice Snook, Mary Risdon, Doris Koch, Eileen McFarland, Mary Davidson, Russel Morgan, Vaughne McNeil, Sandy Fraser, Margaret Kerstens, Lola Pattemore, George Keeling, Frank Van Tighem, Gladys Scales.

(B) PIANO SOLO ..... Violet Hyde

(C) HIGH STEPPING HENRY— ..... George Patrick

(D) ATALANTA AT WIMBLEDON— ..... A One Act Play by Lord Dunsany

MR DAWK ..... Andrew Garrett

MARJORIE DAWK ..... Helen Shrimpton

MR JINKS ..... Kenneth Wright

CONSTABLE SPELKINS ..... Frederic Ridley

BILL ..... Max Walls

MR LEONARD ..... Don Nicholl

N B— This play is based on an ancient legend. Atalanta's father, desiring a son, had exposed her at birth, but she was nourished by a she-wolf. On reaching womanhood she was urged to marry but knowing she was without peer, in swiftness of foot she compelled all suitors to contend with her in a foot race. He who lost must die, he who won would be her lord. Milanion conquered her by a ruse. Aphrodite gave him three golden apples, which he let fall during the race and Atalanta, overcome with their beauty, stopped to pick them up. Thus Milanion won her hand.

(E) MUSICALE— "ROBIN HOOD"

ROBIN HOOD ..... Willian Dixon

MARION ..... Jean Garrett

FRIAR LUCK ..... Joan Barbor

HEAD ARCHER ..... Bert Freeman

LITTLE JOHN ..... Fred Dawkins

MUCH ..... Tommy Oldham

KING RICHARD ..... Billy Fraser

WAMBA ..... Frances Jones

MARION'S MAIDS ..... Ada Wright, Eileen Werling

MAIDS ..... Marion McKenzie, Iola Cleeve, Lillian Wilkinson

ARCHERS— Heiran Woldum. Gordon Lydiatt, Mildred May, Glen Boisseavain.

LEADER OF RUFFIANS ..... Lewis Dixon

RUFFIANS ..... Donald Fraser, Archie Fraser, Ceston North, James Wagestaff.

LITTLE BOY ..... Rowe Martin

(F) PYRAMID BUILDING—

Edmunt Bassett, Robert Brown, Earl Harwood, Freddie Teare, Stewart Lydiatt, Frederic Ridley, Andrew Garrett, Nick Chamberlain, Wilfred Ridley, Kenneth Wright, Norman Laycraft, Leslie Christensen, Carl Sorenson.

(G) PRESENTATION OF PRIZES—

By Mr J. French, Chairman of the School Board.

(H) DANCING CHORUS— "HATS"

Betty French, Josephine French, Elsie Sorenson, Beryl Jacobs, Margaret Freeman, Dorothy Swenson, Bernice Whiteside.

Accompanist— Violet Hyde.

(I) THE DEAR DEPARTED— ..... A One Act Play

MRS SLATER and MRS JORDAN (sisters)

—Jean McGregor and Alice Garrett

HENRY SLATER and BEN JORDAN (their husbands)

Ted Schulte and Stewart Lydiatt

VICTORIA SLATER— A girl of twelve ..... Catherine Rellinger

ABEL MERRYWEATHER ..... Jack Van Tighem

(J) INDIAN CLUB SWINGING—

Elsie Sorenson, Adeline Collison, Phyllis Bower, Fay Harwood, Rhoda Woldum. Accompanist— Violet Hyde.

GOD SAVE THE KING